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EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 26, 2006
South San Francisco, CA

Minutes

Members Present:

George SooHoo, DDS, Chair
Alan Kaye, DDS
Ronald S. Mito, DDS
Harriet Seldin, DDS

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Robert Hedrick, Executive Officer
Donna Kantner, Regulations Analyst
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General
LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel

Chair SooHoo called the meeting to order at 2:45p.m., and called the roll, establishing a quorum.

Agenda Item 12.1 – Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2005 Meeting

M/S/P (Kaye/Mito) to accept the minutes as presented.

Agenda Item 12.2 – Auxiliary Exam Statistics

This item informational only, there was no discussion.

Agenda Item 12.3 – Dental Exam Statistics

This item informational only, there was no discussion.

Agenda Item 12.4 – RT Examination Update

Executive Officer Hedrick reported that three RT exams have been scheduled, an additional exam is planned. The objective is to test the 500 current applicants during the two April exam dates, opening a new application period after that time. He noted that the changes to the exam have also been posted to the website to inform candidates as quickly as possible.

Edmund Carolan, CDA, asked how large the RT candidate pool may be. Hedrick responded that of the 2800 candidates who have qualified, it is difficult to determine how many may still have an interest in taking this exam.

Agenda Item 12.5 – CIF/SLE Pilot Project

Chair SooHoo reported that there was a meeting of the Examination Committee in December to discuss moving forward with the pilot project, adding that UCSF has taken it on as a research project.

Agenda Item 12.6 – Occupational Analysis Update

Chair SooHoo reported that he has appointed a Task Force to contribute to the analysis, including private practitioners, the Chief Examiners, current and former Dental Board members and educators.

Agenda Item 12.7 – Consideration of Proposed Changes Regarding Who May Assist Candidates During the Clinical Examination

Executive Officer Hedrick noted that this issue was raised briefly in the Public Comment period at the November board meeting and briefly discussed at the Examination Committee meeting in December. He reported due to the acceptance of the WREB exam, there have been questions of consistency in who may assist candidates during the California clinical examinations. He noted that portions of the Handbook for both WREB and California's clinical examinations are in the board's packet for information. Chair Soo Hoo noted that the major difference is that WREB allows assistants to be first and second year dental students, or first year hygiene students, while California does not. M/S/P (SooHoo/Mito) to delegate to the Executive Officer to meet with Tracy Montez of the Department's Office of Examination Resources to determine if there are concerns regarding this issue, and if so, develop regulations to mitigate them. Ariane Terlet, former board member, said that she had raised those concerns, however believed that through the course of OER's audit of the WREB exam that was no longer the case. Member Mito wished to amend the motion to add that if OER had no concerns, that there be a regulatory change M/S/P (Mito/Kaye).

Agenda Item 12.8 – Discussion of ADEX Membership and Recognition of ADEX Examination

Ariane Terlet, speaking as Secretary of the ADEX Board, noted that currently there is a membership form that the board may consider to become a member of ADEX. She reported that at the next meeting ADEX would like to make a presentation on membership and their examination.

Public Comment

None.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07p.m.